

The kitchen must be modern



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In the "Town of Tomorrow" of the 1939 New York World's Fair, there is an exhibit of homes of the most modern types of architecture, built of and equipped with, all those materials and conveniences considered by the world's authorities in such matters to be the best and most practical for this present civilization in which we live.

It is significant that for House No. 8 an ACME Planned steel Kitchen was selected as being representative of the most modern, step and time-saving unit for this purpose. When you visit the Fair, be sure to see House No. 8 in the "Town of Tomorrow".

THE PARTY moves out to the kitchen . . . a room that reflects the more intimate side of the family life than the living or dining rooms . . . admission to the kitchen means that "you're in" —that you have had extended to you the final expression of the hospitality of that home, and so, today's matron sees to it that her kitchen is as smart as her living room.

The kitchen "must be modern" because the girl who once worked in an office and now has a home and a kitchen of her own to run, together with the others of today's matrons know all about the time, work and step-saving devices and arrangements that make their husbands' offices easier places in which to work—to get things done.

And, because so much more is demanded of today's matron than of her mother, and grandmother her work must be done easily and as quickly as is possible, that her many other obligations may be met.

To accomplish this, the kitchen must be as modernly arranged as is a business office or the factory of which the office is a part. The flow of materials and operations must be stream-lined . . . move with as little delay, one operation to another, as may be . . . so Acme plans it that way. Food storage centers, food cleaning and preparation centers; food serving centers are placed with careful regard as to their proper relation, each to the other.

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And there's nothing more modern than... an Acme planned steel kitchen

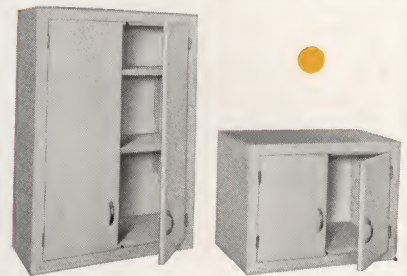
TO ACCOMPLISH the work to be done in this most important room of the home, in the modern manner, it is not enough that just certain arrangements of the furnishings be made. The furnishings themselves must be as modern as the planning and that of course, means Base and Wall Cabinets, Cabinet Tops and Convenience Accessories, all designed and made especially for this new kind of kitchen where everything is either within easy arm's reach or but a step or two away.

Such a kitchen presents more useful working top area than did the old kitchen table, the single or even double drainboards of the sink, and, perhaps the table top of the now outmoded kitchen cabinet of the cupboard type. The ACME Planned steel Kitchen combines them and brings them all together, each continuous with the other and is accomplished by arranging certain standard sizes of Base and Wall Cabinets having just the kind of drawer and cupboard space you want combined with any sort of sink, sink bowl and drainboards you select. They are distinguished for a variety of attributes that recommend them to the householder of discriminating taste and economical foresight.



ACME De Luxe Planned steel Kitchen arranged along one wall in combination with stainless steel base cabinet top with built-in double sink bowl of the same material.

ACME DeLuxe Wall Cabinet 30" or 36" high with adjustable shelves.



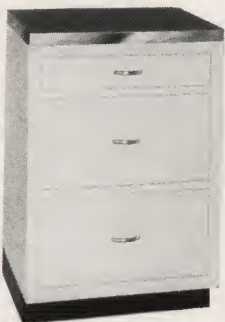
ACME DeLuxe Wall Cabinet 18" high for placing over sinks, refrigerators and other unoccupied wall space. No shelves.



In this ACME De Luxe Planned steel Kitchen the arrangement is a "U" form occupying three sides of the room, the refrigerator being at one end of the "U" and the range at the other. ACME black Linoleum base cabinet tops form a continuous working surface with the drainboards of a cabinet type 60 x 25" cast iron, porcelain enamel sink.

Steel for Permanence - Rust Resisting

ACME Planned steel Kitchens are the only Kitchens, the steel of which is treated specially and scientifically for rust-resistance before finishing so as to be completely impervious to atmospheric conditions . . . proof against the salt air of our coastal communities and the low lands of the Gulf country. On this specially treated surface, the high gloss finish of the finest high-heat-baked synthetic enamel becomes a part of the steel itself . . . possessed of heirloom lasting qualities. Too, drawers and doors of steel never stick nor bind no matter what degree of humidity may be present.



ACME DeLuxe Base Cabinets are made in these two styles for general arrangements. (Cabinets for special purposes will be found in the section illustrating and describing ACME Accessories).



Both are made in a range of sizes sufficient to permit an unlimited variety of arrangement. The cabinet on the left is an All Drawer model ("D" type) having one 4" deep drawer and two 10 1/2" deep. Cabinet on right ("CD" type) has one 4" deep drawer at top with cupboard compartment having one permanent welded-in shelf.

Steel for Economy

An ACME Planned kitchen of steel actually costs less than wood. This has been proven so many times that it has long ago passed the point of theory or speculation.

Steel for Sanitation

ACME Planned steel Kitchens are dust, rodent and vermin proof and as easily cleaned as your chinaware.

Sound Proofed

Another development that is distinctly modern. All doors and drawers of ACME Base and Wall Cabinets are double and insulated to prevent noise, and as an added assurance of complete sound-proofing they are equipped with rubber bumpers.

Specially Designed Drawer Suspension

The drawers of these Base Cabinets run on specially designed runners and, conforming to the best principles of cabinet-making, each drawer is individually fitted to its runners . . . there is no side play, no sagging—each drawer may be withdrawn to the fullest extent and closed with one hand, so easily and in such perfect balance do these runners support the load.



Cabinet Tops

ACME Base Cabinet tops may be linoleum, monel metal, stainless steel or of hard maple. With reference to the latter it is recommended that only short lengths of this material be used for the purpose of providing a special cutting or slicing surface. Linoleum or the steel tops enjoy a much greater popularity than the wood.

When combined with the cast iron porcelain enamel sink with or without drainboards ACME Base Cabinet tops are continuous over the Cabinets and with the sink drainboards or the sink bowl. For joining to and making ACME cabinet tops continuous with the sink, water and crumb tight moulding strips of polished aluminum are employed.

Sinks and Sink Tops

Into the ACME Planned steel Kitchen may be placed any of the standard makes of cast iron porcelain enamel cabinet type sinks having single or double drainboards or of the type having double bowls, without drainboards. There are



And here is the same room, with an ACME Planned steel Kitchen installed. This photograph was made before the refrigerator had been placed at the extreme right of the picture. In this arrangement a base cabinet top of part black linoleum and part hard maple has been used. The sink is a cast iron, porcelain enamel double bowl unit without drainboards. The base cabinet underneath is an ACME standard item designed exclusively for this type of sink.

also available linoleum sink tops having cast iron porcelain enamel or stainless steel single or double sink bowls; Stainless steel or Monel Metal sink tops with single or double sink bowls of like material.

Easy Posture Bases

So that you may stand at the sink or base cabinet top without strain on the back or legs, the Bases of these Cabinets are made 4" high and are arranged to recess 4" back from the front of the cabinets proper, permitting the foot to slip under the bottom of the cabinets without scuffing the shoe. This base also lifts the cabinets 4" above the floor level and prevents the finish of the cabinets being marred by mop marks etc.

Streamlined Door and Drawer Pulls

As modern as the latest slip-streamed motor car, ACME door and drawer pulls add that last decorative touch to the fine cabinets they adorn.

Colors

And, to meet your possible desires for color, certain colors are standard ACME finishes. White of course conforms to refrigerators. Then there is Ivory, Green and Gray. Our suggestion concerning color, is that you confer with your Master Plumber.



Here is a Kitchen as it was before an ACME De Luxe Planned steel Kitchen transformed it.



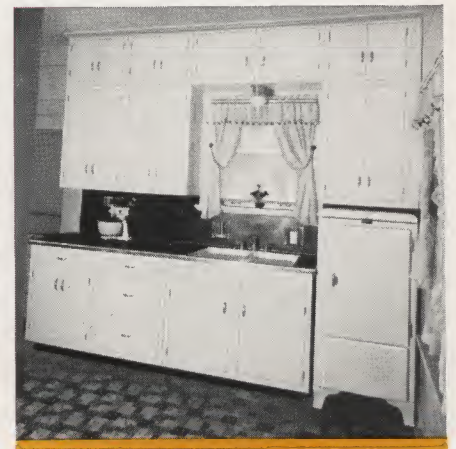
Streamlined, heavily chromium plated door and drawer pull used with ACME DeLuxe base and wall cabinets.

And to accommodate the desires of the householder both in design and in price, there are two lines of ACME steel kitchen-units. One is the DeLuxe and the other the "Thriftee". Both are at the top in their respective price brackets. Either are the most modern interpretations of steel cabinet making.

ACME Base and Wall Cabinets are designed in accordance with the principles developed by the best informed Home Economists and the trade practices of those industries engaged in the making of related products. For instance, ACME Wall Cabinets are 13" deep over all front to back, providing ample storage space for the largest dinner plates made by the chinaware industry.

ACME Base Cabinets are made to accommodate the products of the sink and sink top manufacturers. The kind of storage space available in ACME Base Cabinets is sufficiently varied to meet every desire or requirement. This, together with ACME Convenience Accessories makes possible a Planned steel Kitchen modern, not only in arrangement and appearance but in the refinements that reflect an intelligent study of your problems.

Another ACME De Luxe Planned steel Kitchen arranged to fit the room with no architectural changes. Both types of ACME Wall Cabinets have been used here—those 36" high and 18" high above to provide the maximum of storage space. The Base Cabinet sink top is black linoleum in which a porcelain enamel, double bowl sink has been built. Note arrangement of different styles of Base Cabinets employed here.



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Than Acme, there is nothing finer, more modern or more intelligently designed and made to accomplish for women what has already become tradition and custom in industry and business . . . the means of combining work, step and time-saving with beauty of appearance and long-lasting durability.



For a family of two or a houseful a new house or an old one...a small kitchen or a big one

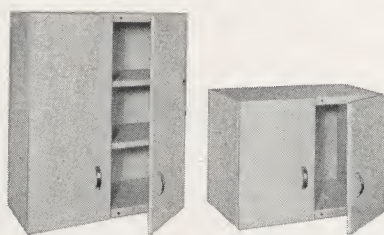
AS ACME Planned steel kitchens are as modern as tomorrow, so are they flexible in adaptation to an unlimited range and variety of sizes, spaces, shapes, forms and combinations of variety and kind of storage space.

ACME Base and Wall Cabinets are made in a sufficient range of standard sizes to conform to the space available in the house that is only now in the planning stage; in the modernization of a house already built... for a small kitchen or a large one. But always, any arrangement of ACME standard size steel kitchen-units becomes, in appearance and working effectiveness, a custom, made-to-measure whole as the kitchens illustrated and commented upon in these pages clearly show.

Nothing has been overlooked that might contribute to the final convenience and efficiency of an ACME Planned steel kitchen. Specially designed Cabinets for Brooms and Linens are available. One of these is shown to the left of the Refrigerator in the kitchen illustrated at the right. It is a Broom Cabinet, the lower portion of which has storage room for brooms, mops and vacuum cleaner. Smaller brushes, etc., may be kept in this compartment also, hung on hooks provided for that purpose. The upper compartment has two permanent welded-in shelves for keeping other items such as polishes, etc.

ACME Linen Cabinets have the same outward appearance as the Broom Cabinets. The difference is in the number of shelves. ACME Linen Cabinets have permanent welded-in shelves in both upper and lower compartments for the reception of linens, etc.

So flexible are the possibilities that even with older, already-installed sinks with or without steel undersink base cabinets, a more efficiently equipped kitchen may be arranged. Three of these are shown on these pages as typical examples. To such arrangements there may also be placed in the kitchen certain of the Base Cabinets



Acme "Thriftee" Wall Cabinets made 18" and 30" high only. 30" high cabinets have two shelves permanently welded-in.

equipped, as shown, with black linoleum tops, in what is termed a "free-standing" arrangement. These too, may have Wall Cabinets over them if wall space is available, for additional storage room.

For the distribution of ACME Planned steel kitchens, and to the end that you might have a neighborhood source of supply, the plumbing industry was selected as the most logical source.

ACME Kitchen Planning Service

And to make their work as easy as possible, the ACME Kitchen Planning Service Division is available. So when you begin the planning of your home or the modernization of the home you now occupy, call in your Master Plumber.



Typical of a moderate sized kitchen completely modernized with an ACME De Luxe Planned steel Kitchen in which a cast iron porcelain enamel double drain board, cabinet type sink has been installed. 18" and 36" high Wall Cabinets provide the utmost in storage space. A part hard maple and black linoleum base cabinet top creates working top area several times that formerly available.

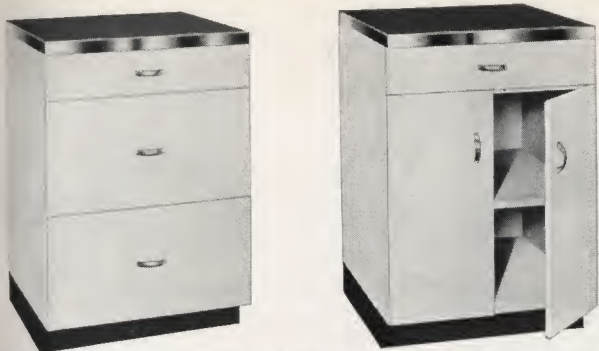
Through his own knowledge of this subject, which is considerable and assisted by the ACME Kitchen Planning Service, you may be certain of developing the most modern and most efficient kitchen possible.

If your home is in the planning stage call your Master Plumber early to help you arrange your kitchen. If it is a modernization job, call him before you call the decorators, the carpenters or other artisans. That is the time when he can be of the greatest help to you and may save you much money and time in accomplishing the ends you desire to attain.

And in this case a kitchen having a 60 x 22" roll rim, round corner, cast iron, porcelain enamel sink, equipped with an ACME steel undersink base cabinet already installed, has been modernized by the installation of ACME "Thriftee" Wall Cabinets in an arrangement using an 18" high Wall Cabinet, Utility shelf and back splash over the sink bowl. ACME De Luxe Wall Cabinets may also be used for such an installation.



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ACME "Thriftee" Base Cabinets are made in these two styles. Cabinet on the left is all Drawer type ("TD"). One on the right has one drawer with cupboard compartment underneath having permanent welded-in shelf ("TCD" type).



This ACME "Thriftee" Planned steel Kitchen provides for the flow of food materials from the refrigerator at the right, down the linoleum top with built-in cast iron porcelain enamel sink bowl to the range which is placed on the opposite side of the kitchen and close to the swinging door leading into the dining room. Note variety of arrangement of Base Cabinets.



Again, an installation of a 60 x 22" roll rim, round corner cast iron, porcelain enamel sink with an ACME steel undersink base cabinet has been made more useful with another arrangement of ACME "Thriftee" Wall Cabinets. ACME De Luxe Wall Cabinets could also have been employed here.



Streamlined, heavily chromium plated door and drawer pull used with ACME "Thriftee" base and wall cabinets.

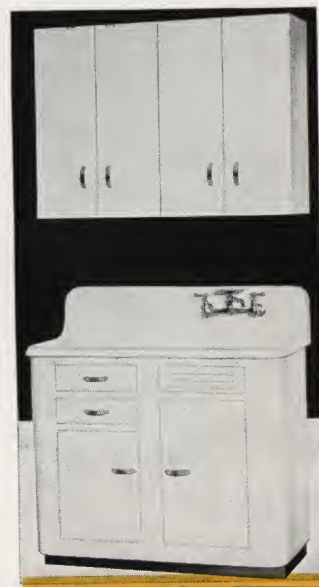


This was a fairly good kitchen as it was before an ACME Planned steel Kitchen was installed to make it completely modern. Note the lack of counter space available.



And here is the same kitchen equipped with an ACME "Thriftee" Planned steel Kitchen utilizing a linoleum sink top with cast iron, porcelain enamel sink bowl built-in. Note the greatly augmented storage space secured with base and wall cabinets and the greatly increased counter area.

Here is a 42x20" roll rim, round corner, cast iron, porcelain enamel sink equipped with an ACME steel undersink base cabinet to which has been added ACME "Thriftee" Wall Cabinets. With this addition the kitchen immediately becomes more modern and greater, more convenient storage space has been accomplished. ACME De Luxe Wall Cabinets may also be used.

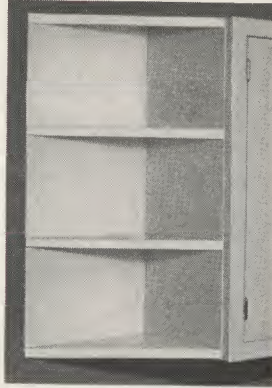


To make the kitchen completely modern

HAVING designed the basic units for creating the easiest-to-work-in kitchens of all time, the next most natural development appears in refinements and adaptations of the fundamentals to specialized purposes.

So the ACME Convenience Accessories illustrated and briefly described on this and the following pages have been planned for you. ACME Planned steel kitchens are not standard-equipped with these units. All of them do not appeal to everyone and, being designed for special purposes it is necessary that they be definitely specified in the plans for your ideal kitchen.

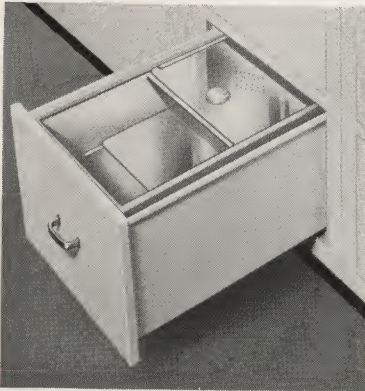
Your Master Plumber has all the necessary information relating to these and how they may be included in your considerations.



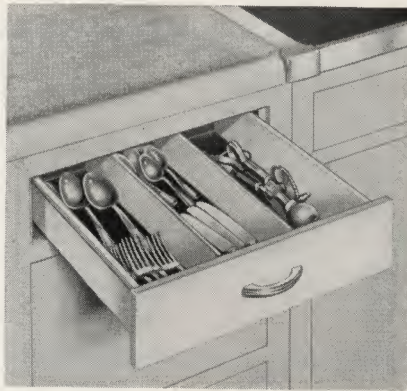
Corner Shelves Usually installed at the end of a row of Wall Cabinets, between them and a window over a sink. A decorative and at the same time most useful unit.



Flour or Sugar Bins These heavily tinned bins having hinged dust-proof covers are placed in deep drawer of all-drawer cabinet, usually two to a drawer.



Bread and Cake Box Has two compartments partially divided by sliding shelf. Sliding cover, ventilated, heavily tinned and highly polished. Easy to clean. Placed in deep drawer of all drawer cabinet, easily removed.



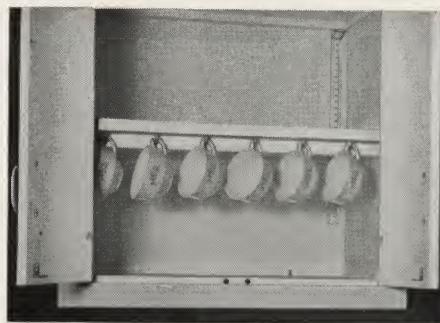
Cutlery Drawer This is a 4" deep drawer with three compartments and lined with black linoleum. In it the kitchen cutlery and utensils; everyday utility silverware is ready at hand and always handily ready.



Flour Bin - Tilting For the storage of flour in quantities. Easily tipped forward and returned to position. Has 4" deep drawer at top.



Condiment Rack A step-shelf unit, customarily placed in lower compartment of Wall cabinet for keeping condiments, flavorings, etc., conveniently and easily visible. Finished in same color as cabinet.



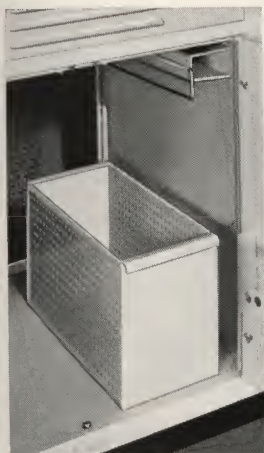
Cup Rack Customarily installed on one or both of the shelves in a Wall Cabinet. Has hooks for hanging six cups, leaving room for storing of saucers, plates, etc.



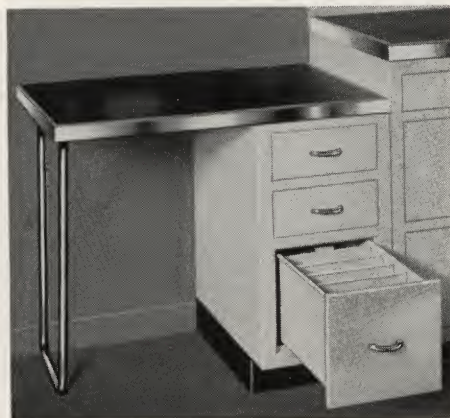
Flour Sifter or Sugar Dispenser Installed on shelf of Wall Cabinet with sliding extensions. Capacity about 12 lbs. of flour. Sifter attachment when used for flour. Sliding vent on sugar dispenser.

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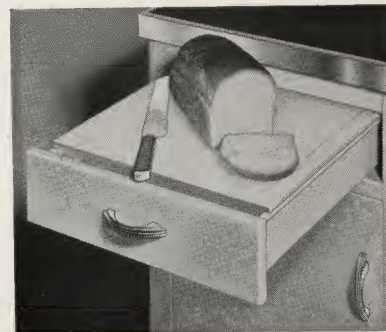
Acme convenience accessories



Fruit or Vegetable Basket Made of cane metal and usually placed in cupboard compartment of cabinet, under sink. Finished in color of cabinet.



Planning Desk Black Linoleum top; chrome nickel legs. All-drawer base cabinet on right has one deep drawer divided for filing recipes, memorandum, etc. 25" deep front to back.



Slicing Board Fine quality wood board for slicing bread, meats, etc., grooved on under side to fit edges of 4" drawer in base cabinet.



Garbage Container Installed on one of doors to cabinet under the sink. Container is finished same color as cabinet. A chain attached to cover and inside of cabinet automatically raises the cover when the door is opened. Heavily galvanized pail, easily removable, holds refuse.

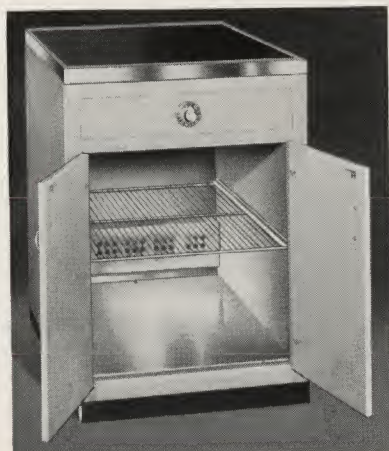
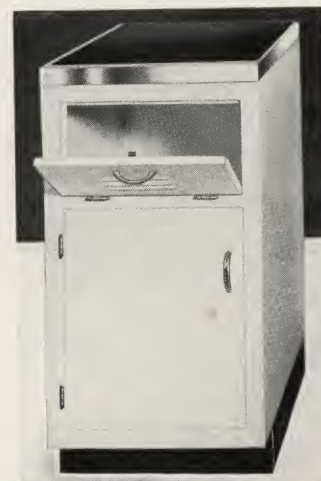


Plate Warmer Cabinet Acme cabinet construction in which is installed regulation heater of standard make and specifications. Has one shelf. Heat control on panel above door.



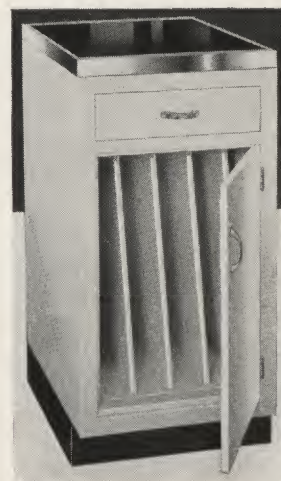
Soiled Linen Cabinet Regular height of all Base Cabinets. Top Panel on spring hinges, drops down for reception of soiled linen. Louvre panels in this door and holes drilled in bottom of cabinet provide ventilation. Lower door permits easy access for emptying cabinet.



Lid Rack Divider For separating lids from balance of space in deep drawer in all drawer cabinet. Adjustable from front to back.



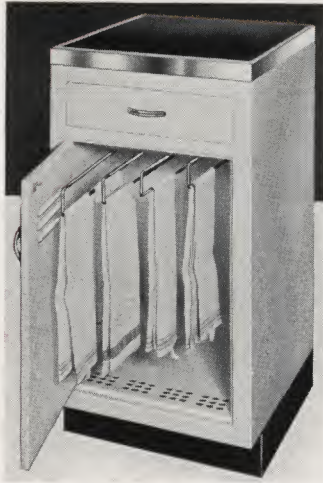
Soffit Light For illuminating base cabinet tops — installed in under side of Wall Cabinet. Complete with switch and ready for connection service cable.



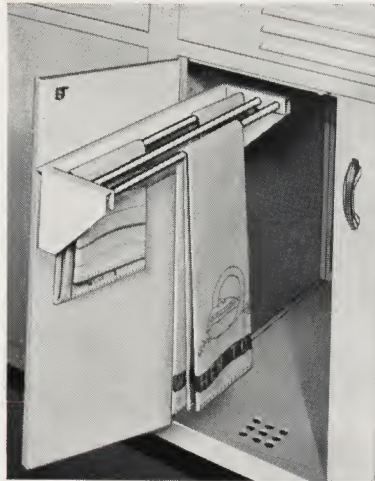
Tray Rack Cabinet Has 4" deep drawer at top. Four dividers provide five compartments for storage of trays in bottom.



keep things conveniently



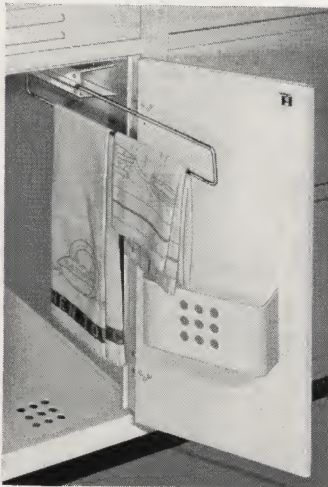
Towel Dryer Cabinet Has 4" deep drawer at top and 4 heavily galvanized towel bars on extension runners. Louvre panel in door and holes drilled in bottom of cabinet provide ample ventilation.



Towel Bars - Chrome Nickel Installed in cupboard compartment of cabinet under sink. Has three heavily chrome nickel bars that extend on runners as illustrated.



Vegetable Drawer Louvre panels in front of this deep drawer placed in all-drawer cabinet provides ample ventilation for dry vegetables. May be had with or without divider. If divider is desired specify when ordering.



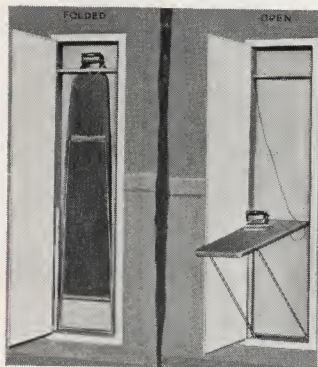
Towel Bars - Galvanized Installed in cupboard compartment of cabinet as illustrated under sink singly as shown, extending and returning to cabinet on runners.



Kitchen Table For additional counter space or table top area in kitchen, breakfast room furnishing, etc., has one drawer in apron on one side of table only.



Linoleum Shelf and Drawer bottom covering Having so many requests for linoleum to place on the shelves of cupboard and drawer base cabinets and wall cabinets, this material is now available for this purpose. In those cabinets, across the shelves of which many utensils are drawn daily, this linoleum preserves the finish originally placed there and lengthens the life of the cabinets in this particular, greatly.



Steel Ironing Board Cabinet

Keeps the Ironing Board and Iron out of the way when not in use. Recessed into the wall. Folding mechanism of board prevents accidental lowering and places it at the most convenient height for most women. Shelf for Iron. Board extends 50" from cabinet and will support a weight of 150 pounds. Customarily finished in same color as kitchen cabinets.



Steel Telephone Niche

A recessed cabinet for placing the telephone in a convenient location and out of the way. Telephone compartment ample to accommodate cradle or pedestal type of instrument. Space for bell box with door having decoratively arranged vents.

Furnished in any Acme standard color or with rust proof bond coat for finishing to match rest of trim.

Acme De Luxe and Acme "Thrift" steel Kitchen units and Combinations are also shown in Sweets catalog

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